one year. Major oil and gas discoveries accounting for this reserve accretion are in New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) block (KG-DWN-98/3) of Krishna-Godawari deepwater basin and in Vasai West area of Mumbai Offshore basin.

(c) and (d) Most of the reserve accretion are from gas discoveries and in such cases, before commercial production takes place, discoveries are appraised for their commerciality, and thereafter development plans are drawn up and executed. Futher, any increase in the production of natural gas is expected to reduce liquid fuel demand, through natural gas substituting the liquid fuels to some extent.

Total indigenous oil production in the year 1999-2000 and year 2002-2003 was 31.93 million metric tonne (MMT) and 32.03 MMT, respectively.

Import price of LPG and Kerosene

†965. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to determine the amount of subsidy on LPG and kerosene by Government, the original price of these products is determined on the basis of their import price;

(b) if so, the average import price of the above products in the country in the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(c) the details of other such items the expenditure of which are added to this import price apart from the original price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) After the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector effective 1.4.2002, the subsidy on domestic LPG and PDS Kerosene is on flat rate basis.

The flat rate of subsidy for 2002-03 was computed on the basis of average international prices of these products during March 2002.

The average import parity landed costs of bulk LPG and Kerosene during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:

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Year	Domestic LPG (Rs./MT)	PDS Kerosene (Rs./KL)
2000-2001	16425.89	9565.35
2001-2002	13508.33	8530.37
2002-2003	15637.38	10243.82

(c) Other items that are added to the import parity price of these products include *inter alia* marketing costs, freight, bottling charges (for LPG), cylinder cost (for LPG), excise duty, sales tax etc.

Purchase price of LPG and Kerosene

†966. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Public Sector Oil Companies have determined the basis for the procurement of LPG and Kerosene on the prices prevalent in November, 2002 and January 2003 respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what are the reasons for making the prices of said months as a lease; and

(c) what are the rates at which public sector oil companies are purchaing LPG and kerosene oil at present or puchased the same during past months after determining the base on the aforesaid prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) The public sector oil marketing companies have entered into product offtake agreement with the domestic refineries for purchasing LPG and Kerosene. The purchase prices vary from refinery to refinery.

The provisional purchase prices, from April 2002 onwards, at select port refineries are mentioned in the enclosed statement.

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